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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

a' An orthodontic separator, ~~said separator~~ dimensioned such that it can be inserted between adjacent teeth, ~~said separator being~~ . The separator is characterized in that ~~when inserted it~~ exhibits an increase in compressive force after insertion between adjacent teeth in the oral environment, ~~it exhibits an increase in compressive force, wherein the separator~~ . The separator, after insertion, exerts sufficient force on the adjacent teeth to push the teeth apart.